Town Hall Meeting Summary February 4, 2010 Doolittle Community Center

Attendance

Mayor Oscar B. Goodman Betsy Fretwell Department Directors

Summary of Event

There were approximately 25 participants in attendance. Following the presentation by the City Manager, the Mayor was asked a question by the moderator that indicated the Mayor should apologize to the President of the United States for comments he made about the President's comments about Las Vegas. The question prompted an active debate between the Mayor and a couple of participants who made allegations of racism. The conversation ended abruptly when the Mayor and about 15 of the participants left the meeting. The remainder of the written questions were moderated and are indicated below.

Audience questions included the following:

- 1. How was this particular meeting publicized to the residents and why was it different than the other meetings?
- 2. Is the Mayor going to apologize to the President?
- 3. Why did the city involve Public Works projects in the Redevelopment Projects and why was competitive bidding used for specific projects?

The following were questions/suggestions/comments that were provided and will be included in the public record.

Questions regarding CLV Budget

- 1. Has the city tried going to 4 day work week?
- 2. How much stimulus money has the city received, how much has been spent?
- 3. Will the city manager press for early retirement rather than over staffing their departments?
- 4. If the goal of the city to stimulate growth, why eliminate jobs?
- 5. Ban political signs. Seems the biggest problem is wage & benefits. This is what needs to be cut.

6. Two million can be used to increase tourism, revenue and education. Please call me to set-up a meeting (Chris Goodloe 702-481-01701).

Questions regarding City Hall/Redevelopment

- 1. Is the city manager certain that the city has mended its spending habits?
- 2. My concern is about the cut backs for senior citizens and about the new city hall.
- 3. 270 million dollars for the Smith Center, how much to minority participation?
- 4. Was a poll done to see who is against and for the new city hall?

Miscellaneous

- 1. What has the city done to assist the desert x-press train?
- 2. Why do you continue to deny building permits & business in the historic Westside?
- 3. How did you notice the neighborhood?
- 4. Is the Mayor going to apologize to the president and welcome him with a key to the city?
- 5. How much has, Obama's comments hurt the city?